

SFSC Draft Minutes

May 23, 2023

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Time: 5:30-7:00 pm

Date: 5/23/2023

Location: OSC

Facilitator: Nancy

Present: Nancy Everhart, Doug Glover, Jenny Warshow, Ellen Cooke, Michael Sabourin

CC Rep: None

Public: James Arismen, Susan Abbott

Public Comment: Susan is curious about the comments and what the process is about the bike trail proposal.

Agenda adjustment(s): None

April meeting minutes approved

Agenda topics:

Ground rules for Committee meetings:

Committee briefly discussed the concept, and the examples from Patrick's email to the group; Michael added another one. We will revisit next month.

Assume positive intent

Be solutions-focused

Engage with curiosity instead of critique

Treat everyone with respect

Allow all voices to be heard

Don't take things personally

Maps + Pitkin end sign- any updates: Ellen had 20 maps printed. They are in the Town Clerk's office. Joe John and Ellen built the sign. Adelaide will paint "welcome to the forest" on it.

National Trail Day event, June 3 - 2 pm trail work and June 4 11 AM butterfly walk:

June 1st at 3: prepping the bridge repair on Homestead trail.

RIPM bike trail proposal - first review, and plan for June 10 10AM walkthrough at Hollister Hill Parking lot: Nancy reviewed the Process for Reviewing Trail Project Proposals, from the management plan. Nancy has shared the proposal with the CC and invited them to be present on June 10th. We discussed having the following process: Walkthrough on the 10th, discuss the proposal further at the June meeting, with invitation to RIPM to present their proposal. Discussion about the need for a public meeting to seek general input following the June meeting. General discussion about the need for more detailed information from RIPM.

Jenny suggested that the club build trails near the Jake Martin rd entrance to the forest.

Jenny would rather see that one area be designated "bike area."

Nancy will send a request to Sarah Galbraith for the following:

Additional information that we are requesting from the Bike Club regarding the proposal:

- demonstrating demand (anticipated number of riders who might be expected to make use of new mountain bike trails)

- current # of RIPM , members and anticipated volunteer interest

- more detailed map

- idea of signage re: wet trails

- degree of technicality of trail riding

- Liability concerns

- Consistency with the easement terms

- o Impacts on the forest's natural and historic resources
- o Extent to which any impacts will be mitigated
- o Trail building specifications (extent to which they are up-to-date and sustainable)
- o Consistency with the Management Objectives of the Stranahan Forest
- o Demonstrated capacity to build, and then steward and maintain, the trail

Historical Society Project Update (Patrick sent via email - discuss next steps):

Jenny discussed what she is envisioning for updating the display in the Library. She will be the liaison with the Historical Society - as they get further along with making signs for the Forest, we can schedule a joint meeting.

Trail updates: status of Thompson Road and beavers, other updates:

Micahel, Brett and Doug did Beaver mitigation. So far so good!!!! The culvert is opened up and flowing.

Doug talked about the tree over King Brook trail that needs to come down relatively soon.

June Agenda Topics:

RIPM proposal, following walkthrough